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## PORTS GO-SLOW SEEN TO CONTINUE; NO RESPONSE TO BEN-AHARON APPEAL

Jerusalem Post Staff  
The go-slow stevedores left a meeting with Histadrut leaders last night, without giving a positive response to Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon's appeal to halt their slowdown and resume normal work this morning.

The slowdown is expected to continue.

The stevedores also turned down a request by the agricultural workers' union to resume the loading of citrus fruits immediately, in order to avert a disaster in the industry.

Mr. Ben-Aharon, who returned to Israel from Copenhagen last night, met with the workers in his office. Also present was Sli Moyal, in charge of the ports department of the Histadrut Central Committee.

Mr. Ben-Aharon had told the workers that the overall salary increase for port workers should not exceed 40.2 per cent of their present pay. They were demanding an increase of over 50 per cent.

According to the Histadrut plan, the stevedores would receive grades similar to those given to building workers, but with nine grades instead of ten. If the stevedores were to get the tenth grade, Mr. Ben-Aharon said, the total increase

would be far above the 40.2 per cent figure.

However, he promised the stevedores that if a great disparity evolved during the year between building and stevedore salaries, he would back a demand for the tenth grade during the 1978 wage negotiations.

He urged the stevedores to return to normal work today and to speed up their negotiations with Ports Authority.

The stevedores adjourned to a separate room to discuss Mr. Ben-Aharon's proposal, and then went home at 10:45 without giving an answer.

Before the meeting began, the workers and local Histadrut officials were optimistic that a formula would be found so that normal work would be resumed this morning.

"Now that Ben-Aharon is back, everything will be OK," Yehoshua Fuchs, chairman of the stevedores' workers' committee, said last night.

Asked if the workers would return to normal work immediately, if Mr. Ben-Aharon asked them to, he replied, "Up till today we have never said no to Ben-Aharon and we do not expect to start saying so to him tonight."

Mr. Fuchs claimed that the stevedores had been working a "normal"

working day, and that the actual productivity of the port had dropped only to 60 per cent.

He said that one benefit of the port action was that no workers had been injured during the last few days, while the normal daily toll of injured workers at the port during the rush for "norms and premiums" is about 90 injured workers.

No talks were held yesterday between the port management and the workers.

### Cabinet to meet

Jerusalem Post Staff  
The Cabinet is due to meet in an extraordinary session this morning to decide whether to adopt tactics against the dockers. Since the dockers are conducting a work-to-rule slowdown but not a strike, it is doubtful whether legal enforcement measures can be taken against them.

The Cabinet got ready yesterday for a possible confrontation with the dockers, by first getting into line with the Histadrut, by accepting its ruling that the dockers merit a 40.2 per cent overall wage increase, including cost-of-living increment and other benefits. Previously the Cabinet had suggested a 39.2 per cent increase.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres, who is responsible for the Ports Authority, persuaded the Cabinet to accept the Histadrut proposal for the 1977-78 wage contract unanimously.

Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati discussed the harm caused to citrus exports by the dockers' slowdown.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir took the opportunity to all Ministers in about the other wage disputes currently bedeviling the economy — especially the engineers' and technicians' strikes threat.

## Egyptian officers flee after Sadat crackdown

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
A number of Egyptian army officers were yesterday reported to have fled the country following a recent crackdown by President Anwar Sadat on political circles within the Egyptian armed forces, the Beirut press reported yesterday.

The French-language newspaper, "L'Orient-Le Jour," said yesterday that two of these officers were now in Beirut seeking asylum there. The Beirut report gave no details on the fate of the Egyptian officers.

In fact, several ranking army officers were earlier reported to have been pensioned off following unrest over the ouster of former War Minister General Mohammed Ahmed Sadek by President Sadat last October.

But recent reports said that more army officers were ousted

in connection with last week's student unrest. The Beirut report could refer to those army officers who were involved in the Egyptian campus upheaval of last week.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian parliament will convene a special session today to discuss the student riots which led to government closure of all the country's universities and high schools.

The Egyptian parliament will set up a fact-finding committee whose formation was ordered by President Sadat after the street clashes in Cairo between students and security forces.

The parliamentary debate is not expected to be made public. Following an anti-government outburst in Parliament last month, the Egyptian authorities banned any publicity on parliamentary political debates.

## Cabinet sets discussion on position in Africa

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
The Cabinet is to hold a full-day debate next week on Israel's position in Africa following the recent setbacks in Chad, Niger, Congo-Brazzaville and Mali, which have broken off diplomatic ties with Israel.

Yesterday, Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported on the breach of diplomatic relations by Niger and Mali. He did not report on the third country which broke with Israel last week — Congo-Brazzaville — and the Cabinet Secretary Michael Aronson was unable to explain this.

Mr. Eban recalled that Israel had maintained warm relations with Niger, with Niger trainees taking courses here and Israel engaging in some cooperation activity in Niger. There had been some small technical cooperation projects with Mali too, Mr. Eban said.

All in all, there had been some 500 African students and trainees participating in courses in Israel during last year, the Foreign Minister said. Some 300 Israeli experts had gone to Africa, 150 of them on long-term contracts and 120 on short-term contracts and projects.

Several ministers called for a thorough discussion of Israel's role

in Africa in the light of changing circumstances.

AFP reported from Ouagadougou that Israel can serve as an example and a source of inspiration to many developing countries, by virtue of its experience in economic development, Dr. Joseph Komofo, Upper Volta's Foreign Minister has declared here.

The Foreign Minister made the statement at a farewell dinner last Friday in honour of Israel's outgoing Ambassador, Mr. Ya'akov Dekel. "Thanks to its leadership, clear vision and its people's courage," Dr. Komofo went on to say, "Israel has succeeded in overcoming many natural obstacles. That is why we Voltains have not hesitated to send many of our young men there, to acquire know-how in the fields of health and agriculture."

Upper Volta and Israel already cooperate in many areas, the Foreign Minister said, but there is room for a great deal more cooperation. At the same time, he pointed out, Upper Volta, though cognizant of Israel's difficulties since 1967, is convinced that a just peace in the Middle East can be achieved only on the basis of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

## IRAQ MAKING READY TO TRY JEWS

PARIS (UPI). — Iraq has reversed its policy of letting Jews quietly leave the country and is preparing new trials, a Paris-based Jewish group said yesterday. It said new arrests were made recently and two or three Jews were detained last September were feared to have died in Baghdad's Kasr el Nihaya prison.

Abraham Karlikow, director of the European office of the American Jewish Committee, said Iraqi authorities arrested three Jews in late December. Two were detained in November and eight in September. With one man under arrest since 1969, the total now held in Baghdad jails was 14, Mr. Karlikow said.

In a press release, the Jewish leader said: "The latest arrests and certain parallels with the situation in January 1969" — when Iraq hanged nine Jews in public squares — "point to the chilling prospect that Baghdad again is preparing trials in which Jews will be made the convenient scapegoat for internal Iraqi difficulties and power struggles."

Mr. Karlikow said the new moves were "all the more unexpected because Iraq, since May 1971, has quietly been following a policy whereby Jews, though under careful surveillance and control, were permitted gradually to leave the country. Internal harassment, too, had been muted."

The statement said only 500 Jews now remained of what was once a 120,000-strong Jewish community. It said: "The still unexplained murder in his home last September of a prominent Jewish community member, Abraham Sayegh, concomitant with the arrest of eight Jewish men, marked the end of some 16 months of relative tranquility and the more tolerant Iraqi government policy."

"All word from Iraq has stressed the rapidly worsening situation and indicates imprisonment has proven fatal to some... Two of three of the eight Jews arrested in September are feared to have died."

The committee named 11 of the Jews under arrest as Akram Behar, held since 1969; Salim Sadka and Najib Chikayat, arrested last November; Ezra Azam, Jacob Abdul Aziz, Victor David Ezra, Jacob Rajwan, Shmuel Rajwan, Akram Shmush, Shaul Shmush and Jacob Shmush. Basra, probably Salim Chikayat, detained last September. The names of the three Jews arrested in September are not known.

## Rains are possible tomorrow

TEL AVIV. — There may be rain tomorrow, the weatherman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The frost combined with the drought has played havoc with Israel's agricultural production. Agriculture Ministry spokesman Yigael Drucker said yesterday that if there is no rain by the weekend, this would deal a "knockout blow" to winter crops.

The weatherman said medium and high clouds began to appear over this region from the west yesterday. These clouds raised temperatures, bringing the possibility of rains by early tomorrow morning.

It is expected to rain for a day "but this rain might develop into a good downpour," the weatherman said. The rains are expected to fall in the north and central part of the country, where it is most urgently needed by the farmers.

The lack of rain has halted the sprouting of winter grain-crops and Lake Kinneret has gone down to its lowest level in 15 years.

## Arms talks at Meir-Nixon meet in March

By DAVID LANDAU, Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Prime Minister Golda Meir is to meet President Nixon in the White House on March 1, with the renewal of arms agreements and progress towards a partial settlement the two main subjects of their agenda. The announcement of Mrs. Meir's visit was made simultaneously yesterday by the White House spokesman at Camp David, Maryland, and the Government spokesman in Jerusalem.

The trip will not be an "official" or "state" visit; formally Mrs. Meir will be going to the U.S. to address a National Bonds Conference in Miami and a major UJA event in New York. In Washington, she is also to meet with Secretary of State William Rogers and other Administration officials. Her visit is expected to last a week or 10 days.

The subject of arms supplies from the U.S. to Israel is due for discussion on the highest political level since major existing treaties are due to lapse at the end of this year. Mrs. Meir will want to ensure that provision of planes, tanks, artillery and sophisticated electronic

equipment continues into 1974 and beyond.

Decisions on arms supplies are to be taken as early as possible because of the long "lead time" involved — the time between adoption of a decision in principle and its implementation on the production lines. This is particularly the case in 1973 since the Americans will — hopefully — be scaling down their arms production following the end of their Vietnam involvement.

**WANT COMMITMENT**  
When Defence Minister Moshe Dayan was in the U.S. in November he hinted at several small items of armament which Israel would find useful — and me: with no positive response from Pentagon officials. Washington seemed hesitant to want to commit itself, although there was no talk or hint of pressure. Mrs. Meir will be hoping for firm commitments for the future.

Such a stand would be facilitated by the removal of the threatening Soviet presence from the region.

Either way, Mrs. Meir is expected to stress to the President that the obstacle to progress is still Egyptian intransigence, and that there can be little hope for a successful breakthrough until Cairo drops its demand for Israel's prior commitment to total withdrawal. No amount of American semantics would appear likely to close the gulf between the two sides — unless a change takes place in the Egyptian position.

Traveling with Mrs. Meir will be the Director-General of her Office, Simha Dinitz (ambassador-designate in Washington), her military secretary, Yisrael Lior, and her personal assistant, Mrs. Lou Kadde.

## SYRIANS SHELL KUNEITRA AREA

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent  
Several dozen shells were fired from Syria at the Kuneitra area, in the central sector of the Golan Heights, at 9:20 last night. No casualties or damage were reported.

In the morning, small arms fire was directed at an Israeli army patrol from Syrian territory some 10 kms. south of Kuneitra in the northern section of the Golan Heights. The patrol returned the fire. There were no casualties on the Israeli side.

By last night it was still not clear whether the fire or the shells had been directed by terrorists or by Syrian army regulars. The shots came from an abandoned house about 500 metres from the border.

Sources said yesterday that the attackers were evidently waiting in ambush for the patrol.

This is the second incident along the Syrian border in the past three days. On Friday a tractor hit a mine near Nahal Golan and was slightly damaged. Three other mines have been uncovered in the area in the past 10 days.

Israel has not reacted to any of the incidents thus far, as it did last Saturday when Israeli planes bombed a Syrian army training camp 150 kms. inside Syrian territory in response to a two-hour joint artillery bombardment the same day from Syrian army regulars and two terrorist units.

## Shazar to U.S. Jews: Back Goren and N.R.P.

NEW YORK (INA). — President Shazar in an unprecedented move called on a delegation of American Zionist Federation leaders to demonstrate support for Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and the National Religious Party which has fallen prey to the internal politics of Israel.

Asserting that hostility being shown to Rabbi Goren for his recent decision in the Langar case has its origin in the U.S., the President urged an "immediate ally of five to 10 gifted American rabbinic authorities who would lend their support to alleviate this crisis."

Mr. Shazar produced a copy of

Rabbi Goren's decision entitled "Brother and Sister" and noted that the lengthy response was in the "great tradition of the 17th and 18th century responsa and traces its conclusions through a study of similar decisions of the Bach, an 18th century scholar, and the Hazon Ish of the 20th century."

Mr. Shazar added that he would personally meet with Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik of Boston in the hope that he would add his prestige to the "spirit of the House of Hillel" which was noted in Talmudic times for its lenient halachic decisions.

The President said he will also meet with the noted halachic scholar, Rabbi Moshe Feinstein.

## Security steps to be stricter

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Stricter security measures will be taken at Israel missions in the wake of Aluf Aharon Yariv's visit to Bangkok to probe the Black September kidnapping assault there.

President Shazar, who arrived here from Washington on Friday afternoon, has already met with a delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He was to meet yesterday with the Lubavitcher Rabbi in Brooklyn as well as with New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

Mr. Shazar today will meet with a group of Jewish journalists and later in the day he will meet with a delegation from the United Jewish Appeal headed by Irving Bernstein.

### No word on Sadat talks with Gaddafi

CAIRO. — President Sadat yesterday made a surprise inspection tour of civil defence units in Cairo and its environs, the Middle East News Agency said.

The news came as the possibility of a meeting between the leaders of Egypt and Libya opening in Tripoli yesterday became dim when by late afternoon there was still no official word in the Libyan capital of President Sadat's arrival.

### Brazil F.M. due here after Egyptian visit

RIO DE JANEIRO (INA). — Brazilian Foreign Minister Mario Gibson Barboza will visit Israel from February 4 to 8 after he visits Egypt. He will be in Egypt from January 28 to February 1.

Informed sources said both visits are part of Brazilian efforts to increase exports.

## Port surcharge due

Jerusalem Post Staff  
HAIFA. — With 18 freighters waiting in Haifa Bay and 24 with unloaded cargo inside the port, the shipowners yesterday moved to clamp a congestion surcharge on all cargoes to and from Israel.

As the port slowdown continued, the Zen Company and the Chamber of Shipping said they were ready to negotiate on the rate of surcharge which would be imposed in a fortnight unless the situation improved greatly.

The port spokesman said the port was "half clogged," and that the situation would become critical within days unless full work was resumed.

The stevedores yesterday reduced turnover to 25 per cent of normal in Haifa port, and only one grain carrier sailed yesterday in Ashdod.

port manager Moshe Berger said that productivity was at between 10 and 20 per cent of normal. No ships entered or left the port yesterday.

Haifa port spokesman Yehi Bar-Masada told The Jerusalem Post that it would take two weeks of hard work to make up the backlog, provided there was no rain.

Shippers Council Secretary Arieh Meshulam said that exporters had already reduced the flow of their goods to the port, since there was no hope of getting them shipped within a reasonable time. He feared that within a day or two storages of raw materials, cement and tools would be left in the industry.

The situation was so grave, he said, that the council could not object to the congestion surcharge. He said the early imposition of surcharge had been working a "normal"

## SNIPERS KILL FOUR IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AP). — Snipers killed four persons and wounded about 12 others yesterday, blasting away from the top floors of a downtown hotel where they set fires and took an undetermined number of hostages, police said.

Firemen continued to fight the blaze while police provided cover fire from neighbouring buildings, and a police spokesman said they could not say how many hostages were being held.

Patrick Breau, assistant director of Charity Hospital where the wounded were taken, said three policemen died of bullet wounds and about 12 other persons were in emergency rooms — five of them policemen, two firemen and the rest civilians. The fourth casualty was a guest, whose pajama-clad body was found in a stairwell.

A police spokesman yesterday said that the police were armed with high-powered rifles, had plenty of ammunition and "are very good shots."

Police sharpshooters on the ground and in neighbouring tall buildings peppered the building with rifle bullets. The officers were armed with sub-machineguns, telescopic-equipped rifles, carbines, and teargas weapons.

ing to try to rescue an officer who was trapped in the 18th floor elevator, but could not get to him, police said.

Deanda Lacey, manager of the downtown Howard Johnson Hotel where the shooting occurred, said many of the guests had been evacuated, but there was still an undetermined number trapped on upper floors. Several guests could be seen leaning out on balconies to escape smoke. Firemen with loud speakers urged them not to jump.

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## Kissinger to Paris, resumes talks today

PARIS. — President Nixon's chief Vietnam peace negotiator, Dr. Henry Kissinger, arrived here last night for the resumption of his talks today with French envoy Le Duc Tho.

Accompanying Dr. Kissinger were two members of the White House National Security staff. Two other Kissinger aides are already in Paris.

The White House has remained silent on whether it plans any concessions to the North to achieve a settlement, but it is known to feel that this new stage of discussions is crucial to an early peace.

Each side has blamed the other for the breakdown of the earlier talks.

The U.S. insisted that, although agreement had been near, Hanoi was bargaining dishonestly and would not strive in good faith to

reach an accord. North Vietnam asserted that the U.S. had backed down from earlier agreements.

Many observers felt that although talks had been dragging on in one form or another for four years there was still a fundamental issue dividing the U.S. and North Vietnam.

The U.S. has declared its intention to pull out from Indochina only when South Vietnam was strong enough to function as an independent nation and repel any attack from the North. North Vietnam feels that withdrawal of its troops from the South as part of a peace pact would be total capitulation. It feels, in effect, a withdrawal would give Saigon on the peace table what it was unable to win on the battlefield.

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair to partly cloudy. Weather synopsis: Trough of low pressure from the Red Sea to East Mediterranean is causing flow of dry air to our region.

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Jerusalem	10	8-17	10-17
Golan	10	8-14	9-15
Nahariya	24	12-20	12-21
Safed	17	7-14	8-15
Haifa	13	12-20	12-21
Tiberias	13	12-20	12-21
Nazareth	13	8-18	9-19
Afula	13	8-18	9-19
Shomron	10	11-19	12-19
Tel Aviv	10	11-19	12-19
Lod	27	4-22	4-23
Jericho	34	3-21	4-22
Gaza	43	8-22	10-22
Eilat	9	6-22	6-22
Tiran	27	12-24	12-24

## Social and Personal

A ceremony marking the 30th anniversary of the Am-Oved publishing house was held last night at the Histadrut Executive building in Tel Aviv. Among the guests were former Premier David Ben-Gurion, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon. Many of the authors whose works have been published by Am-Oved also took part.

The Tel Aviv English-speaking lodges—the Paula Ben-Gurion and Aharon Katzir Lodges—will hold their regular meetings tonight at 8 p.m. at Ben-Britz House.

Jerusalem's Albert Einstein Lodge is holding a meeting at Ben-Britz House, 3 Rehov Keren Hayesod, on January 10, at 8.30 p.m. Nomination and election of officers is on the agenda. Members are requested to attend. New applications for membership are welcomed.

(Communicated)

## ARRIVALS

Moscow administrative director of B.V.I.A. University, from a visit to the U.S. and Europe on University business.

Moscow, president of the Manufacturers Association, from Zurich.

Mrs. Marjorie C. Moister, U.S. national publicity and public relations chairman, Pioneer Women.

## DEPARTURES

Elad Feled, Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Prof. Avram Mordechai and Seymour Fox of the Hebrew University for the U.S. and Canada, on educational matters (by El Al).

Chaim Zussman, director of the Civil Aviation Administration at the Transport Ministry, and Robert Sabot, advisor to the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser, for Montreal, to attend the I.C.A.O. legal committee's session on hijacking (by El Al).

Prof. Marcus Wassermann, M.D. head, Department of Occupation Health, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, for Moscow, on a two-month assignment as WHO consultant for an occupational health programme in Liberia.

Dr. Haim Pomeroy, member of the Yashan Executive, to the U.S. and Europe, on business (by El Al).

U.S. black civic leaders here

LOD AIRPORT. — A six-man delegation of U.S. black civic leaders arrived here yesterday by El Al for a week's visit as guests of the Foreign Ministry.

Heading the delegation is Paul Paris, Model City Administrator of Boston. The others are Preston Wilcox of Afram Associates, Inc., New York; Robert L. Hall, Welfare Community Action, Los Angeles; Leon Flansburg of the Woodlawn Organization, Chicago; Edward L. Cole, National Association of Community Developers, Jackson, Mississippi; and Chuck Stone of the Philadelphia "Daily News".

During their visit they will meet with senior officials of the Foreign Affairs and Education Ministries, and the Histadrut. Their programme includes visits to the Laishah Region in the south and to the Arab villages of Tira and Taibe. (Nim)

THE No. 10 BUS route in Tel Aviv will be changed as of this morning, as follows: starting at City Hall, the bus will travel through Sderot Keren Kayemet, Ben Yehuda, Hakovshim, Herbert Samuel Square, Yefet, Ba'al Shem-Tov, Sderot Yerushalayim, and will reach the Yefet of Bat Yam. Some of the buses will continue through Sderot Ha'atzmout and Rehov Rothschild in Bat Yam to the Pan American Hotel.

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## Port strike threatens Israel's 'overland bridge'

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — The operation of Israel's "overland bridge," a cargo shipping alternative to the Suez Canal, is being threatened by the current port strike, Shlomo Loewinson, director of the firm which operates the bridge, said yesterday. He expressed grave concern over the future of the bridge, but said there had not yet been any job cancellations.

The "overland bridge" is a shipping operation for moving goods between Europe and East African countries by bringing them down to Ashdod and trucking them down to Eilat. Its economic drawing point is that it can get

The company had aimed at a 100,000-ton turnover for 1973. Due to port troubles last year, the 1973 turnover was only 50,000 tons. "And we'll be lucky if we reach 70,000 tons this year," Mr. Loewinson said.

## PORT GO-SLOW

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charges this year might cost the economy even more than the over \$1.5bn paid by the cargo owners last year. In addition, the exporters are faced with losing orders and customers for failing to deliver goods, and these losses would drive up prices just when the government wanted to slow inflation.

Nevertheless, the businessmen strongly urged the government not to give in to the dockers' demands "at any price" in order to avert a general breakdown of wage structures throughout the economy.

Zim now has 35 freighters (its own and chartered ships) tied up in Haifa and Ashdod and is losing over \$50,000 a day, the deputy general manager for commercial affairs, Avner Manor, told The Post.

The company also stood to lose foreign customers and it would take months before their confidence could be restored, he said. "Israel imports and exports have no choice but to wait for a ship sailing to Israel, but foreign businessmen cannot be expected to delay their cargoes because our port workers are on strike. They will simply ship with the first available foreign ship," he said.

The flow of goods between Europe, Asia and Africa through Israel's sea bridge between the Red Sea ports of Eilat and Ashdod was seriously disrupted by the slowdown. Four thousand tons of meal which arrived in Ashdod last week has not yet been unloaded, and another ship with 3,000 tons is due to arrive this week.

Aharon Eldsheim, head of the manager's office at the Citrus Marketing Board, told The Jerusalem Post last night that the orange export situation looked gloomy. Orange picking is still halted but at present there are enough oranges to fill another million and a half crates. The board of directors of the C.M.B. met yesterday and called on the Histadrut to intervene in the port crisis.

Lod, Haifa Port customs men in warning strike

Customs clerks at Lod Airport and Haifa Port held a short warning strike yesterday in a renewed demand for extra-effort pay (The Post).

The two Herut leaders will meet again on Tuesday, when they are likely to air Mr. Weizman's opposition to Mr. Begin's intention of installing his followers, Elhan Livni as acting Executive chairman and Yitzhak Shamir as deputy chairman.

So far Mr. Begin has ousted two Weizman supporters from party jobs. He took Pethiya Shamir out of the Organization Department, installing in his place Yitzhak Shamir, a former L.H.Y. chief. The other switch is the ouster of Moshe Schechter from the chair of the party Legal Department. He was replaced by Isser Lubotsky, who was the Begin candidate for the convention Steering Committee chair. Some of Mr. Weizman's supporters regard Mr. Lubotsky's appointment as ominous.

It was he who was president of the Herut membership "court of honour" that drummed Shmuel Tamir (now of the Free Centre) and his colleagues out of Herut in 1966.

Student strike over at Technion

HAIFA. — The Technion Students Council last night ended the strike by the 2,000 lowerclassmen, following a compromise decision by the Technion's Senate on the make-up examination issue.

The Senate, at a special meeting with student representatives taking part, ruled that the time for "second-chance" examinations is at the end of the summer semester, but that teachers may agree to conduct re-examination of students with satisfactory work records who failed their final exams. It called on teachers and academic unit heads to take into consideration personal appeals by students who fail and wish to be re-examined.

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TEL AVIV. — A Mapam leader has charged Premier Golda Meir with "imposing Bolshevik-type discipline" on Mapam partners in the Labour Alignment.

Former Mapam Minister Mordechai Bentov wrote in yesterday's "Al Hachshar" (the party daily) that Mrs. Meir had no right to deny Mapam freedom of expression. He took strong exception to Mrs. Meir's criticism at a recent Alignment Executive meeting of Mapam's campaign against Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

Mr. Bentov wrote: "I am really worried at the recent attempt by Golda to impose on us Bolshevik-style discipline even in matters of freedom of expression. At a recent meeting of the Mapam Political Committee some speaker called Dayan 'Czar of the Territories' and 'King of the Territories', to which Mrs. Meir took strong exception. What's so terrible about that?" asked Mr. Bentov.

Mr. Bentov also charged that Mr. Dayan wielded "a veto on party and Cabinet decisions" and complained that Mrs. Meir does not argue with the Defence Minister.

## Begin, Weizman seen at odds once again

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Tension has risen once again inside Herut as party chairman and Executive chairman Menahem Begin has started to purge supporters of former Executive chairman Ezer Weizman from positions in the party administration.

Mr. Weizman met Mr. Begin for an hour and half last night and informed him in no uncertain terms that he was dissatisfied with Mr. Begin's purge — which upset the internal peace agreed upon a fortnight back. Mr. Weizman is understood to have intimated that he would find it difficult to run the party election campaign unless he felt the right men were in the right jobs in the party administration.

The two Herut leaders will meet again on Tuesday, when they are likely to air Mr. Weizman's opposition to Mr. Begin's intention of installing his followers, Elhan Livni as acting Executive chairman and Yitzhak Shamir as deputy chairman.

So far Mr. Begin has ousted two Weizman supporters from party jobs. He took Pethiya Shamir out of the Organization Department, installing in his place Yitzhak Shamir, a former L.H.Y. chief. The other switch is the ouster of Moshe Schechter from the chair of the party Legal Department. He was replaced by Isser Lubotsky, who was the Begin candidate for the convention Steering Committee chair. Some of Mr. Weizman's supporters regard Mr. Lubotsky's appointment as ominous.

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## High Court still sitting on application of Rafah Beduin

The High Court of Justice yesterday continued its hearing on the application by sheikhs of the Beduin tribes evacuated from the Rafah Approaches early last year to make absolute the order nisi against the Defence Minister.

The order, as it stands, calls on the Defence Minister to justify the evacuation.

Deputy State Attorney Eli Nathan argued that the evacuation order was issued by the area's military commander and was necessitated by security considerations. Mr. Nathan displayed a large-scale map of the area, pointing out the places and dates of numerous terrorist activities in the Rafah area. These, he said, could not have been carried out without some aid, and at least the knowledge of the Beduin tribes' leaders.

He also described at length the strategic importance of the area and the steps taken by the authorities to compensate the evacuees. These included access to the land for agricultural work to some of them, aid in housing, and compensation of more than \$12.5m. so far.

Earlier, the Court rejected a request by the petitioners' attorney, Haim Holzman, to be permitted to cross-examine Aluf Yisrael Tal, the Army's Chief of Operations, on the affidavit he had sent in response to the order nisi in August, in which he declared the evacuation was made because of security reasons. The request was rejected on the grounds that the High Court does not permit examination of witnesses.

The hearings will continue next week. (Nim)

## Discotheques affect hearing, army unit finds

Noisy discotheques are one cause of hearing defects among soldiers, an army research unit has discovered.

This was learned by the Knesset Ecology Committee yesterday, after hearing the testimony of the head of the army institute for preventing noise damage. The Committee is currently discussing a private member's bill tabled by Zalman Shoval (State List) aimed at reducing noise pollution at the country's airports.

The army experts said they needed another half-year to study the problem before they could submit any recommendations.

The director of Lod Airport, Shmuel Kislev, told the Committee that legislation curbing housing construction near airports was urgently needed.

Three jailed for bank robbery

TEL AVIV. — Three men convicted of robbing a bank last January received prison sentences yesterday ranging from five and a half to 11 years.

One of the three, Emanuel Ze'evi, 27, was carried into court with a cast around his neck and his lower body paralysed. The paralysis, according to his lawyer, was the result of a suicide attempt he made in jail, following a severe beating at the hands of his interrogators. The defence noted that four policemen who had interrogated Ze'evi were convicted of beating him and were jailed for 21 days. It asked the court to consider this in passing sentence.

Ze'evi was sentenced to four years for his part in the \$16,000 robbery of the Bank Lemelacha branch in Rehov Ha'alya, and a previous suspended sentence of 19 months was activated. The two other men, Emanuel David, 31, and Yitzhak Hammer, 25, got seven years and six years, respectively, for the January holdup.

Emanuel David also received a four-year sentence for robbing an elderly salesman, Avraham Sofer, of IL575 in December 1971. Hammer received three years for this crime.

## Labour row brewing over Ofer nomination

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party is squaring up for a row over the appointment of Avraham Ofer, M.K., as chief of the Alignment election campaign headquarters.

It is learned that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and other ex-Mapam leaders in Labour have nominated a skeleton election staff to be led by Mr. Ofer. The Labour Party Leadership Bureau will be asked to confirm the appointments on Thursday.

Mr. Ofer's critics argue that as one of the most vocal opponents of the Government line on the future of the territories (the line associated with Premier Golda Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan), Mr. Ofer is hardly the person to seek a new mandate for this policy from the voters.

T.A. Mayor takes over jobs of former deputy

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz told the press yesterday he was temporarily taking over the Municipal Executive portfolio of Deputy Mayor Ariel Amiad, who resigned last week. He said he would assume responsibility for Mr. Amiad's various tasks until they could be reassigned to other Executive members.

Mr. Amiad's resignation followed increasing personal friction between himself and the Mayor. Generally believed until now to be in line for the mayoralty after Mr. Rabinowitz steps down, Mr. Amiad's chief areas of responsibility were sanitation and improving the city's appearance.

Mr. Rabinowitz also told the press the Municipality had asked the Housing Ministry to allocate money

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## Workman killed by falling pole in freak accident

Hassan Shukrak, 40, a labourer from Sur Baher near Jerusalem, was killed yesterday when an electric pole, knocked over by a rolling truck, fell on him.

The mishap occurred in Rehov Hagal in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerm quarter. The truck rolled out of control — apparently due to a brake malfunction — into an electric pole, knocking it over. Shukrak, who was working nearby, was crushed to death by the falling pole. (Nim)

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WANDERING WHEELS. — A group of 32 students from Taylor University in Indiana, Indiana, is currently visiting Israel for a month, touring the country on bicycles. The "Wandering Wheelers" programme of Taylor University has in the past sponsored bicycle tours of the U.S. and Europe; this is its first programme in Israel. Above, part of the group is seen on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. (K. Weiss)

## New crisis seen averted between two Chief Rabbis

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Tel Aviv Religious Council chairman Pinhas Shetman was trying desperately yesterday to avert a new crisis between the two Chief Rabbis, Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef. A row threatened over the publication in Friday's "Yediot Aharonot" of Hanoch Langer's marriage certificate — signed by Rabbi Yosef.

Hanoch Langer and his sister Miriam were permitted to marry by Rabbi Goren, who ruled them clean of the taint of mamzerut. Rabbi Yosef was not associated with the ruling, handed down by Rabbi Goren, and a special nine-man court which has not been identified.

On Saturday night, Rabbi Yosef's bureau issued a statement asserting that he had been made to sign the certificate by a trick. Rabbi Yosef indicated that he suspected Rabbi Goren was behind the trick. Rabbi Goren denied this.

Rabbi Yosef has set up a committee of inquiry to find out how he had come to sign the certificate. It was apparently slipped in between the scores of marriage certificates he signs each week — and who leaked a photograph of it to the newspaper.

Council chairman Shetman, meanwhile, has suggested that the certificate be scrapped and a new one be drawn up with Rabbi Goren's signature attached. This solution seemed likely to be accepted by both sides.

The two Chief Rabbis, whose relations have been strained since Rabbi Yosef's attack last week on Rabbi Goren's "dictatorship," are due to appear together at the opening session of the World Mizrahi Convention at Jerusalem's Binyamin Ha'Ooma tonight.

Meanwhile, the Israel Radio reported last night that members of the Chief Rabbinate Council have written to Rabbi Yosef expressing their shock at his assertion that the Rabbinate affairs were run by "dictatorship." The Council members wrote that decisions were taken democratically and in an honourable fashion.

Family of Sabena hijacker can get body in May

The body of Ali Shafik Taha, one of the Black September saboteurs killed in the abortive Sabena hijack at Lod last May, will be returned to relatives only next May, the authorities said yesterday.

Taha's body was claimed yesterday by a brother, Taher, a taxi driver, and a sister, Suhaila, both of whom are from Hebron, although they now live in East Jerusalem.

The claim for the body was made to Prime Minister Golda Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan following Israel's weekend announcement that it would return the Sabena bodies to relatives "in appreciation of the stand adopted by the Thai Government in the case of the Bangkok hostages."

Officials said last night that Taha's relatives will be allowed to transfer the remains from their present secret grave one year after the burial, which took place last May.

The officials said the authorities were acting in compliance with health regulations prohibiting exhumation of a body within one year of its burial. Earlier, the authorities had said that Taha was buried in a "closed area."

Taha was one of four Black September saboteurs who commandeered a Sabena plane to Lod and threatened to blow it up with 96 passengers unless the Israeli authorities released 110 terrorist prisoners. Security forces, disguised as mechanics, stormed the plane, killing Taha and Abdul Aziz Atrash, and capturing two girls, Therese Halasch and Rima Tannous. The girls are now serving life terms after conviction for the hijacking.

So far, nobody was reported to have claimed the body of Atrash.

Absorption centre gets water — after 48 hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
JAFFA. — The 400 immigrant in the 10-storey Jewish Agency absorption centre here received water at 9.30 p.m. yesterday, some 48 hours after the building's water system broke down.

Absorption Centre director Y. Nuriel reportedly conducted an intensive investigation among the residents to find out who had appealed to The Post in desperation on Friday afternoon to help them. Nuriel does not live at the Centre.

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Daughter, RUTH ADAMI and family, Israel.  
E. ALROY (KIRSCHENBAUM) and family, Israel.

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# Inflation makes them worthless' Haifa labour groups won't sign work pacts

By YAA'OOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Workers' representatives from Haifa's major industries declared they will not sign the newly negotiated wage contracts because galloping inflation has made all wage rises meaningless.

Haifa Labour Council Secretary Meir Molk told the heads of local labor committees at a meeting here yesterday that if inflation is not checked, the Council will not hesitate to demand additional wage rises in the future.

Mr. Molk called for a "buyer's strike" and efficient government price control to stop inflation. "We have reached the stage of utter chaos," he said, "the wage earners demand action."

The secretary of the Ashdod textile workers committee, Aliza Zurewsky, said that her committee's break off the negotiations

## State budget of IL20,000m. to House today

By DAVID KRIVINE  
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

A State budget for the year 1973-74 of close to IL20,000m. will be submitted to the Knesset today. It carries no tax increases; on the contrary, there will be a cut in income tax to cost the Treasury IL350m.

For the first time in several years the budget is balanced, according to the Treasury spokesmen, with no deficit financing.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir will make his budget speech this afternoon, and debate on the first reading will start next week.

Also to be tabled in the Knesset is the national budget, a forecast of economic performance for 1973, prepared jointly by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel.

## Ministerial body to OK exceptions to building ban

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday appointed a Committee of Ministers to discuss and approve exceptions to the general ban on public building.

Housing Minister Zeev Sharef will preside over the body, which includes Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Labour Minister Yosef Burg, Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres, and representatives of the Union of Local Authorities.

(The decisions of the previous ad hoc Committee of Ministers, about exceptions to the general freeze, covered the period down to January 2, 1973, only.)

## Cabinet drafts new law: No income tax due on newcomers' rent

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Landlords who rent apartments to new immigrants under a scheme organized by the authorities will not have to pay income tax on the rentals — provided they charge a maximum of IL500 monthly and sign a lease of between one and three years.

The Cabinet yesterday approved the draft of an amendment to the Income Tax Law granting the tax concession, to be tabled in the Knesset in a matter of days.

The details were worked out by an inter-departmental committee representing the Ministries of Finance, Housing and Immigrant Absorption and the Jewish Agency. The plan is to set up a pool of between 2,000 and 3,000 flats.

Deputy Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen will be responsible for an apartment rentals headquarters, to be directed by Uzi Rasskin, a Cial official. The apartments have to be between one and three rooms in size, and the leases have to be for periods between one and three years.

The rentals headquarters will assume responsibility for maintenance of the property and for their repair after the leases expire.

(A separate draft bill — probably an amendment to the Tenant Protection Law — will be prepared and tabled, to ensure that the immigrants quit the apartments once the leases expire.)

The Cabinet decided that only apartments which were unrented after November 1, 1972, can qualify for the tax concession. This will ensure that landlords who are currently leasing apartments (and paying full tax) do not evict their tenants so as to cash in on the tax-free deal.

The tax concession will apply from the first day of the lease until March 31, 1975.

The rental contracts will be signed between the landlords and the apartment rentals headquarters.

Responding to a personal appeal from Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Ramat Gan's Mayor Yisrael Peled has in the past three days persuaded local real estate dealers to set aside 100 rental flats for new immigrants. Dr. Peled said yesterday he hoped to come up with many more flats within the coming week.

## APOLOGIZES TO DRUSE Kahane may be prosecuted for anti-Arab circular

By DAVID LANDAU and YOEL DAR, Jerusalem Post Reporters

Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane is to be prosecuted for sending letters to Arabs and Druse urging them to leave the country. The Attorney-General, commissioned by the Cabinet last week to investigate if there were grounds for legal action against Rabbi Kahane, has asked the police to study the case.

(Senior Justice Ministry sources said yesterday that Rabbi Kahane will also be prosecuted for allegedly trying to smuggle arms out of Israel.)

The Government has apparently decided to "throw the book" at Kahane. One senior official said: "He can't be allowed to walk around with bombs and with letters that are worse than bombs."

Rabbi Kahane and the J.D.L. sent letters to a long list of Arabs and Druse — both in Israel and beyond the Green Line — offering them financial assistance to leave. He said some of the Druse received the letter by accident (presumably their names were mistaken for those of Arabs) and has apologized to the Druse community. But the militant American rabbi defended his policy of urging Arabs to leave.

## T.A. man caught after fatal knife fight

TEL AVIV. — The police yesterday arrested a 35-year-old house painter suspected of stabbing a man to death in a fight in the Shapira Quarter here Saturday night. Two others were injured, one of them seriously.

The suspect, whose name was not released for publication, was found hiding in a friend's flat in Rehovot Pinsker here.

The fight broke out when neighbours started demolishing additional rooms constructed by the suspect. One of them, Moshe Perlovsky, 25, died of knife wounds in his chest. Another neighbour, Yosef Nashimov, 22, was still in critical condition at Sheba Hospital last night; and a third man, David Ben Sadah, was treated and sent home Saturday night.

The suspect allegedly fled immediately after the fight, accompanied by five of his younger children. His wife and a 13-year-old daughter stayed behind.

After a search of more than 12 hours, the police found the missing children at the flat of a family friend nearby. Tipped off by another friend, they later found the accused at the Rehov Pinsker flat and took him into custody.

## KAHANE MEETS DRUSE

Druse leaders met with Kahane in Haifa yesterday. They shook hands, embraced and toasted each other (with glasses of fruit juice) in a suha (reconciliation) ceremony here.

Yesterday's suha took place in the office of Kamal Kassem, editor of the monthly "Ed-Dourous." Among those present were Deputy Communications Minister Sheikh Muadi; Sheikh Hatem Halabi (who had arranged it); Amal Nasser ed-Din, head of the Memorial Centre for Fallen Soldiers; and several J.D.L. members. All the Druse speakers dwelt on the dismay and disappointment the letter had caused; one pointed out the political damage it had done and how it had been exploited by Arab radio commentators outside Israel.

Rabbi Kahane replied that the letter had been sent to some Druse by mistake and that "some people were seeking to exploit this error in order to sow discord between the Druse and the J.D.L."

He later said he stood by the letters sent to Arabs. Several hundred had gone to residents of the West Bank and others were received within the Green Line. A special fund has been set up, he said, to help pay the way of those willing to settle elsewhere. "We are facing the danger of a steadily growing minority," Rabbi Kahane commented.

## Jordan reduces tariff on Gaza, West Bank citrus

By H. BEN-ADI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Jordan has reduced the import tariff on West Bank and Gaza Strip citrus fruit from 42 percent to 30 percent, according to 15 dinars, former Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawa told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday.

Mr. Shawa, who is one of the Gaza Strip's leading citrus growers and exporters, said he had personally interceded with the Jordanian authorities to have the tax (imposed last November) reduced. He said he had only been verbally informed about the reduction, from returning travellers.

The cut applies only to citrus at present — the 12-per cent charge on other fruits and vegetables is still in force, Mr. Shawa said.

According to Mr. Shawa, the recent frost affected Gaza Strip citrus orchards unevenly. "Some groves were hardly affected, others lost up to 40 per cent of their fruit," he said.

He believed this year's citrus export quota to Jordan — 3 million crates — would not be affected by the frost. But exports to Western Europe, through the Israel Citrus Marketing Board, would be considerably reduced. The reason was that the Jordanians are willing to accept slightly blemished fruit, unacceptable on the European market, Mr. Shawa explained.

## Man killed by Gaza army patrol was 'drug-running sheikh'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A man killed by an army patrol on the night of December 27, when he broke through a roadblock in Northern Sinai, was identified yesterday as Sheikh Mohammed Abu Tawila, 54, of the Tawila tribe in the Rafah Approaches.

Military authorities, who found IL19,500 on the Sheikh's body, believe he was engaged in hashish smuggling and was returning from making a delivery when he encountered the roadblock. An aide of the Sheikh, riding in the car with him, was wounded in the incident, but is now out of danger.

Sheikh Abu Tawila had been under surveillance by the authorities for the past two years, ever since he was suspected of providing boats for transporting arms and terrorists to the region.

## Flem arnona rates going up

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The arnona local rates on 28 per cent of apartments in Jerusalem will be increased in the next fiscal year, the Municipal Finance Committee decided yesterday.

The tax increase, ranging from IL5 to IL27 per room, was to have been imposed last year when a number of neighbourhoods were placed in a higher tax bracket. Because of the general increase in taxes last year, however, it was decided to freeze the neighbourhood upgrading for a year.

Most of the apartments affected are in the Katamon, Abu Tor, Musrara and Kiryat Moshe quarters. The increase would net the city an additional IL634,000 a year — if it were all paid. A municipal source, however, estimated that close to half would probably be waived since the neighbourhoods concerned house many families earning less than IL538 per month, the point below which no arnona taxes are paid.

The Municipality last year earned a total of IL15m. from arnona taxes.

## Overpass for cars at Tirat Carmel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 90-metre-long bridge over the Haifa-Tel Aviv Highway at Tirat Carmel, on the southern outskirts of Haifa, was opened by the Public Works Department yesterday. The IL2m bridge is the first stage of the interchange that will complete the highway. It will serve as a detour until the P.W.D. completes the interchange.

The bridge took 18 months to build, and was completed only one week behind schedule.

## Sirens to be tested tomorrow

Air-raid sirens all over the country will be tested tomorrow at 2 p.m., the Government Press Office reported yesterday.

The sirens will sound a continuous note for 60 seconds, an interrupting tone for between 60 and 100 seconds and another sustained note for 60 seconds.

Joint tourist office  
TEL AVIV. — Koppel Tours is opening a joint tourist office with seven foreign firms at the corner of Hayarkon and Nordan streets in Tel Aviv. The foreign firms will rent "desk and facility" space in the same building as Koppel, who will handle their affairs in the off-season.

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## Advertisers ask lower radio fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Advertisers Association, at an emergency meeting the Hikon Hotel yesterday, called Israel Broadcasting to enter into immediate negotiations on the new advertising fees.

The Association said a 20 per cent increase was imposed effective January 1, without prior negotiations. Advertising had been cut 50 per cent in protest and would drop further.

The broadcasting services were losing IL500,000 a month. If continued it would result in a 50m. loss for them this year. Fees had been raised to cover a 10m. annual deficit. But unless a negotiable compromise is reached, a deficit will increase rather than decrease, the Association said.

## German football team here to face Israeli XI

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The German first-class football team Borussia Munchengladbach arrived here yesterday to play the Israeli national team at Bloomfield Stadium tomorrow evening.

Chief coach Herms Welschler announced that Shmuel Rosenblatt, Munchengladbach's Israeli international, will be in the lineup wearing No. 8 shirt. Also in the team will be the German Footballer of the Year, Gunter Netzer, who was polled in second place as European Footballer of the Year. Netzer, Bert Vogts, Herbert Wanner (who is injured and will not play tomorrow), and Henning Jensen are four Borussia footballers who played in last week's European Cup versus the "New Three" at London's Wembley Stadium to mark the "Thirty" entry to the European Economic Community. Jensen, a Danish international, scored the first goal in "Thirty's" 2-0 win over the "Six." He will be the German team's 10th visit to recent years. Borussia Munchengladbach will play a second match on Wednesday, against a re-named Haifa Hapoel, at the Kiryat El stadium.

Welschler, who has an intimate knowledge of Israeli football and its local team players, said he expected tough opposition from the Israeli team following its "wild" international encounters at recent matches today and tomorrow morning.

He described Rosenblatt, who has a two-year contract with the club, as a "first-class player."



The U.K. Army Cyprus Lions and the Israel National Rugby XV, during a line-out at Saturday's match in Givatayim. The Israelis won 14-12. (Nachum Guzman)

## Israel rugby team to play return match in Cyprus

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Cyprus Lions British Army rugby team has invited the Israel Rugby Football Union to send its National XV to Cyprus on a return visit. The Lions went home last night after a five-day stay here, as guests of the I.R.F.U.

Following discussions with Union heads Clive Gurwita and Maurice Epstein, Lions' chairman Lt-Col. Hugh Johnstone told The Jerusalem Post before their departure that the Israeli team would probably take place next October. It would be co-ordinated with the British Military Attache here, Col. Christopher Barrett, who helped arrange the Army team's visit to Israel.

Lt-Col. Johnstone said Israel's 14-12 victory over the Lions in Saturday's "test" showed how evenly matched the two sides were — a factor which could make for regular visits between them.

He and his players had been most impressed with the standard of Israeli rugby, particularly as the game has only been played here for one year. Lt-Col. Johnstone added that he foresaw a bright future for rugby in Israel.

Among those watching the "test" at the Hapoel stadium in Givatayim was Dr. N.E. Nisim, Ramat Gan's Deputy Mayor.

22nd WORLD CONFERENCE MIZRACHI-HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI

**The Opening Session  
of the 22nd World Conference  
Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi  
will take place today**

in Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem, starting at 7.30 p.m. in the presence of the Chief Rabbis, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Knesset, and delegates and guests from Israel and the Diaspora.

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## B-52s blast North south of line 32nd U.S. plane down

SAIGON (AP). — U.S. B-52 bombers saturated highways, rivers and canals in the southern half of North Vietnam with more than 1,000 tons of explosives on Saturday and yesterday. The U.S. Command announced the loss of its 32nd aircraft in three weeks, raising the toll of airmen killed, captured and missing to 99.

The Command said a Navy A7 Corsair attack bomber developed mechanical trouble and crashed into the sea on Saturday shortly after taking off for a mission from the carrier Midway. The pilot was killed.

B-52 bombers launched 14 missions across the southern sector of North Vietnam below the 20th parallel during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. yesterday.

While the Command did not disclose the number of planes on each mission, U.S. military sources said there were the standard three B-52 per mission for a total of 42 strikes. Each B-52 bomber carries up to 30 tons of bombs.

### DRONE SAID DOWNED

Radio Hanoi reported that North Vietnamese forces shot down an unmanned U.S. aircraft over Son La, near the Laotian border, 145 kms. above the 20th parallel bombing halt line and 200 kms. west of Hanoi.

The U.S. Command said a bombing halt above the 20th parallel ordered by President Nixon on December 30 remained in effect but refused to comment on reconnaissance operations in the northern half of North Vietnam. But other U.S. sources acknowledged that reconnaissance operations are continuing above the 20th parallel and unmanned aircraft called drones are being employed. It appeared likely that it was a drone the North Vietnamese gunners claimed shooting down over Son La.

While the U.S. Command has maintained that it is only selecting targets of a military nature for attack, North Vietnam has reported hundreds more civilian casualties and property destruction from the raids below the 20th parallel. U.S. officials have acknowledged privately that because of the close proximity of military targets to civilian

### THE STATISTICS

SAIGON (UPI). — The bombing of North Vietnam, resumed last April 6 following the start of the North Vietnamese offensive a week earlier, began its 10th month yesterday. Using daily figures released by the U.S. Command over the nine months since that date, statistics show:

- A 500 lbs. (225 kilo) bomb or its equivalent has been dropped for every 25 of the 20 million persons in North Vietnam.
- A 500 lbs. bomb has been dropped for every 180 humans of territory in North Vietnam.
- Explosives used are the equivalent of 20 Hiroshima-size atom bombs.
- The total number of B-52 missions over North Vietnam in the nine months has exceeded the 1,500 mark; those of single plane fighter bomber sorties over North Vietnam in the nine months exceeds 54,000.
- More than 400,000 tons of bombs have been dropped in nine months on North Vietnam.

areas, and the saturation, carpet-bombing effect of B-52 strikes, there is bound to be civilian destruction.

For the fifth successive day, North Vietnamese and Vietcong attacks in South Vietnam were double the average number of the past two months in what allied military sources describe as the Communist command's winter-spring campaign. This is aimed at a show of presence in efforts to influence the Paris peace talks and to discredit President Nixon's Vietnam policies, the sources say. The Communist side has vowed to intensify its attacks until President Nixon signs a peace agreement.

The Saigon command reported 98 attacks across South Vietnam during the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. yesterday. Most of these were small-scale and three-fourths of them were carried out with rockets and mortars.

## Death toll in Managua over 10,000

MANAGUA (UPI). — The death toll in the earthquake that wrecked most of the Nicaraguan capital on December 23 had passed 10,000, with an unknown number of dead still under the rubble, government spokesman Than Osorio said yesterday.

"We will never know the exact death figure, but between 10,000 and 11,000 bodies have been buried so far," he said.

The authorities previously placed the number of dead at 3,000. "But as workers clear the rubble, they keep finding more and more bodies," Mr. Osorio said.

The Red Cross on Saturday reported having buried 1,000 bodies in a mass grave in the 24 hours immediately after the tremor.

Steps taken by the governing junta over the weekend included extension to 60 hours of the 48-hour working week. The junta also agreed that all public employees will forfeit a month's wages this year and next to help pay for reconstruction work. Tax exemption also was abolished for two years.

## Marcos orders execution of heroin maker

MANILA (UPI). — President Ferdinand Marcos yesterday ordered a convicted Chinese heroin manufacturer executed by firing squad and commanded police to mount a saturation drive on narcotics traffickers. It was the first execution ordered since martial law was declared September 23.

In a nationwide radio and television address, Marcos said, "I... pronounce the death sentence by musketry (firing squad) on Lim Seng, alias Gan Suo So, manufacturer of heroin, who must account for the ruin of so many innocent lives, including children of very tender age."

"Let this serve as a warning," he said. In his 45-minute address Marcos spoke repeatedly of a "slipping back to the habits of the old," and said, "This cannot be tolerated. We have to fight back. We will have to be as stern, as rigid, as severe as we were during the first months of martial law."

### British seize marijuana haul

SOUTHAMPTON (AP). — Customs officers made the biggest haul of smuggled marijuana in Britain on Saturday, 360 kilos worth at least \$658,000, hidden in a caravan aboard a car ferry from Morocco. Two men and a girl, all British, were arrested after a customs man spotted the cache when the ferry arrived here from Tangier and Lisbon, police said.

In Amman, police sources said a Saudi citizen has been arrested on charges of attempting to smuggle 24 kgs. of hashish out of the country. The hash was hidden in his Saudi-registered car.

### Lebanese held in Danish bond theft

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — A 29-year-old Lebanese citizen living in Denmark has admitted theft of bonds for 2.4m. kroner (111.43m.) from a bank, police said yesterday. A police spokesman said the Lebanese, a bank employee, was arrested late Friday and jailed for 20 days pending investigation.

TV. — Taiwan sold 3,500,000 black and white television sets last year, the Electronic Manufacturers Association in Taipei reported.



Film producer Carlo Ponti, centre, outside Geneva's Cantonal Hospital yesterday. With him, after his visit to wife Sophia Loren who had her second baby on Saturday, are gynecologist Prof. Hubert de Watterville, his son Carlo and nurse. (AP radiophoto)

## Jews ask reduction of Leningrad hijack terms

MOSCOW (UPI). — A group of 82 Jews has appealed to President Nikolai V. Podgorny to reduce sentences of those convicted in the 1970-71 Leningrad hijack trials in view of adoption of new hijacking penalties, a Jewish source said yesterday.

A total of 34 Soviet citizens, most of them Jews, were tried and sentenced to prison terms in connection with the unsuccessful hijack conspiracy. Two convicted of treason originally received death sentences but an appeals court later reduced them to 15 years. Others received one to 15 years.

The petition, sent on Saturday, said the sentences should be revised in view of the new penalties announced on Wednesday, the source said. The decree sets death as the maximum penalty if a hijacking leads to deaths or bodily injury and 15 years if it leads to "an accident or other grave consequences."

The Leningrad hijack plot was foiled before it could be executed. The prosecution claimed the defen-

## Hunt for phantom 'Phone Phreak'

LONDON (AP). — Police are on the trail of the phantom "phone phreak" who rigged a British city's telephone exchange and let 2,000 students make calls all over the world for free.

Government investigators traced the phone rigger to Bath last month. But they fear the Phantom has already wired up other cities with his gadgets that are costing the post office which operates Britain's telephone system, a fortune in lost revenue. They fear there may be more than one Phantom.

"This is a serious national problem," a post office spokesman said. "We are making investigations in other towns all over the country to get to the bottom of this fraud."

Officials found that the Kingsmead exchange in the historic city, which dates back to Roman times, had been illegally wired and that

at least 2,000 students at the university there had made long-distance calls on it.

Investigators installed a special monitoring machine which enabled them to trace illegal calls and trap nine students using the "free phone." The nine were each fined a nominal £3 last week for "dishonestly obtaining electricity."

Police said the secret circuit was "extensively used."

The Phantom apparently took up where "Captain Crunch," alias John T. Era, left off when he was arrested in San Francisco for phone-

fiddling last year. He discovered the toy whistles in Captain Crunch cereal boxes reproduced Bell Telephone Company tone signals. That enabled him to make free calls to anywhere in the world.

He later sophisticated his technique with his "blue box," an electronic gadget that duplicated the telephone company's multi-frequency signals.

He became a folk hero with many imitators before he was caught in Sydney, Australia. He was fined \$1,000 on a toll fraud charge last month.

Ugandans asked to come home

LONDON (AP). — President Idi Amin is calling on Ugandans living in Europe to return home to fill key jobs vacated by the Asians he expelled last year, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Uganda's Acting High Commissioner in London, S.M. Musoke, was reported to have made the appeal to about 200 Ugandan citizens at a private meeting Saturday night. But Musoke denied a London

newspaper report that Amin had changed his policy on Asians and now wanted them back in Uganda, where industries, schools and hospitals have been hard hit by the expulsion of skilled workers.

A team of Government officials from Kampala is expected in London soon to step up the campaign for Ugandans now in Europe to return to their own country, the sources said.

JEWELS. — A cardboard box crammed with gold rings, brooches and necklaces worth about 4,500 rand (112,500) which were stolen from a jeweller's shop on Tuesday was found on a rubbish dump in Johannesburg yesterday.

RELIGION. — U.S. Secretary of Defence Melvin Laird has ordered an end to compulsory attendance at religious services at military academies and elsewhere in the armed services.

CABLES IN BRIEF

VIOLENCE. — A St. Bernard dog trained to be vicious, devoured part of its master's body after he died from natural causes in Hollywood. The dog was shot by police.

WOLVES. — Villagers near Gumbajars, 50 kms. south of Manila, are reported to be alarmed by a roving pack of wolves which have eaten 28 goats in recent raids.

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## Finland, West Germany establish diplomatic ties

HELSINKI (UPI). — Finland and West Germany signed an agreement in Helsinki yesterday establishing full diplomatic relations. At the same time a similar agreement between Finland and East Germany came into effect.

The signing of the agreement in the government banquet hall was followed by a toast of champagne.

Simultaneously the West German trade mission in Helsinki and Finland's mission in Bonn were raised to embassies.

Finland and East Germany signed their agreement which became effective yesterday on December 8.

It was on September 10, 1971, that Finland proposed to both Ger-

man states a package deal to normalize relations.

Theoretically Finland and the German states have lived in a state of war since the collapse of the German Reich. In 1945 she had to turn her weapons against her former comrades-in-arms to force them to leave Finnish territory.

As part from an agreement to establish diplomatic relations, Finland also proposed a treaty renouncing the use or threat of force, and acceptance of Finnish neutrality.

Finland also said the question of war reparations should be solved through negotiations. The government after the war estimated destruction caused by German troops, particularly in the northern provinces, amounted to about \$175m.

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# HUSSEIN: ISRAEL MUST MAKE A SETTLEMENT

LONDON (UPI) — King Hussein said the Middle East can see no closer to peace than in an interview with "U.S. and World Report" published today. Hussein said: "I don't just want the U.S. to be present, I want it to be a part of the solution. I want it to be a part of the peace in this area."

Hussein said that the Arab world could regain enough strength, sooner or later, to cause Israel real trouble.

"We in Jordan cannot afford to lose another battle. Obviously, if we have to defend ourselves, we will do our utmost."

"Israel still enjoys a military superiority that is unquestionable, not just in terms of equipment, but also in the area of technology and knowledge."

Hussein said it would not help the Arabs to withhold oil.

"Oil is a formidable weapon — if it is used properly. I believe it is a weapon that can be used for the development of this region, and for improving the lot of its people. It has not yet been used adequately for this purpose."

"It could be used to narrow the economic gaps that exist in this area — this, after all, is part of the problem between the Arabs and the Israelis. If these gaps were narrowed sufficiently, I believe many of the hatreds, many of the suspicions, many of the complexes would disappear."



Adolf Hitler's private car was bought in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Saturday for what officials said was a record \$155,000. It was sold by Tom Barrett, a Scottsdale businessman, to Earl Clark of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. (AP photograph)

## THE FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OF FRANCO'S WAR

By RICHARD MOWLER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

MADRID — Nearly 34 years have passed since the end of the Spanish Civil War, but vindictive laws still discriminate between victors and vanquished.

Disabled soldiers who fought with Franco get special benefits, preferential consideration for jobs and a pension from the State. Disabled veterans of the defeated Republican army do not.

"We are the only war wounded anywhere, I think, who have no legal status and who get no compensation of any sort," Florencio Martinez Duran told this writer. "We, too, were fighting for our country, but because we were on the 'other side,' and lost, we are not under law entitled to anything."

"We are excluded from the official veterans' associations, and we are not permitted to have an association of our own. Nor are we permitted to take a census to find out how many of us there are."

There is another twist of irony in this story. Veterans of the Blue Division, the Spanish unit that fought alongside Hitler's armies in World War II — and who were also on the losing side — today are recipients of a substantial pension provided by the West German Government.

Mr. Duran was still in his teens when he lost a leg at the battle of Guadalajara where, in 1937, a drive on Madrid spearheaded by Italian troops was repulsed. He lives in a small, sparsely heated apartment in the working-class district of Vallecas on the south-east fringe of the capital. Until he fell sick, he was employed as a sales representative for a manufacturer of meat products. His wife has found work as a part-time maid.

## Egypt to fill Uganda's need for technicians

CAIRO — A total of 100 Egyptian industrial experts will go to Uganda to replace expelled Europeans and Asians in running Ugandan factories, the weekly "Akbar El Yom" reported yesterday. The report said that the Egyptians would assess Uganda's needs in machinery, spare parts and labour.

The Egyptians are specialists in weaving and spinning, building, chemicals and canned food. Most will work in the sugar industry.

A number of Egyptian experts also went to Uganda last year.

In London, the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Sunday Times" said yesterday that Uganda's ap- proaches to Cairo have followed a pattern of Ugandan missions sent to South East Asia and contacts with other African governments to try to find technicians, teachers, doctors and nurses.

## 1,000 Britons die in flu epidemic

LONDON (AP) — Britain's influenza epidemic has killed nearly 1,000 persons this winter and shows signs of worsening in many parts of the country, the Health Ministry has said.

Latest figures showed that 473 persons died in the last week of December, the worst toll for the period in three years, according to Ministry figures.

Nine thousand persons died in the last big flu epidemic in the winter of 1968-70.

The "Sunday Times" reported a second flu wave has apparently hit London, where hospitals have been on yellow alert to cope with flu victims for several weeks. It said the epidemic would likely worsen later this month as the first and second waves spread during the colder weather that is expected.

## KEEN BIDS FOR HITLER LIMOUSINE

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP) — "It was more than I planned to pay for it," said Earl Clark after purchasing Adolf Hitler's private car for \$155,000 on Saturday, "but I never doubted that I would get it."

Clark, operator of the Dutch Wonderland Museum in Lancaster, Pa., had to set a record for car bids, however, before being able to claim the 11,000-pound Mercedes-Benz as his own.

Richard Randall, a Wycoff, N.Y. horse exhibitor, entered the bidding at \$80,000 and went to \$152,000 before dropping out.

Auctioneer Dean Kruse said the previous record payment for a car was \$90,000, paid for Greta Garbo's Duesenberg last year.

Sources said Tom Barrett, a prominent Scottsdale businessman who said the Hitler car on Saturday, had \$77,000 invested in it. The car, one of more than 100 presented for auction here, was ordered by Hitler in 1941 and used as his personal parade car during the early years of World War II.

Barrett said he had no second thoughts about selling the car. "It was worth the price, and will bring \$250,000 in five years."

## Plans go ahead for Negev University Health Science Centre

By H. BEN-ADI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PLANS are going ahead for the establishment of the University Centre for Health Sciences in the Negev. The project began to take shape last year when Professor Moshe Prywes, President of the University of the Negev, was named chairman of the academic committee for the centre. His terms of reference had been approved earlier by the Negev University authorities, Kupat Holim, the Ministry of Health and the department heads of the Soroka Central Negev Hospital in Beersheba.

A special medical appointments committee has been set up under the co-chairmanship of Professor M. Rachmilovich and H. Hanani. In addition the university has decided to establish an Institute of Life Sciences and an Institute of Behavioral Sciences.

Kupat Holim, the Ministry of Health and Malben have agreed to put their health services in the area under the direction of the Medical Centre. The Chief Medical Officer for the Defence Forces has offered full cooperation with the Centre.

In addition, the World Health Organization is to give a \$10,000 grant to the Centre.

A small administrative staff has already been selected, and a number of Knesset Members, with Labour Party Secretary Aharon Yadin as chairman, have undertaken to form a public committee for the establishment and advancement of the Centre. The committee is expected to begin operating after the Centre has been approved formally. A similar committee of Beersheba people, with Mayor Eliyahu Navi at its head, is already in existence.

Work has also begun on the building plans. Kupat Holim has offered a plot in the grounds of the Negev Hospital for the pre-medical studies building, and plans for a faculty house for visiting professors have been completed.

Kupat Holim has undertaken to establish a medical library and build the main auditorium at its own expense.

Various foundations have expressed an interest in the Centre. The Ziskind Foundation of Boston has granted \$50,000 for the financing of 25 visiting professors within the framework of the Overseas Visiting Faculty to be opened at the Centre. Lord Rosenheim, formerly President of the Royal College of Physicians, has agreed to serve as chairman of this faculty. Several members of the Wood-Johnson Foundation have visited Beersheba to consider the possibility of student and teacher exchanges between the Centre and medical school in the U.S.

In addition, the department on medical manpower of the National Institute of Health in the U.S. has approved the establishment of a planning evaluation laboratory at the Centre over a period of five years, at a total cost of \$450,000. A sum of \$50,000 has been allocated for the first year.

## NIXON MEN IN WIRETAP CASE Watergate bugging trial opens today

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Watergate bugging trial, which opened today, is the first time a major U.S. trial has been held in a hotel. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

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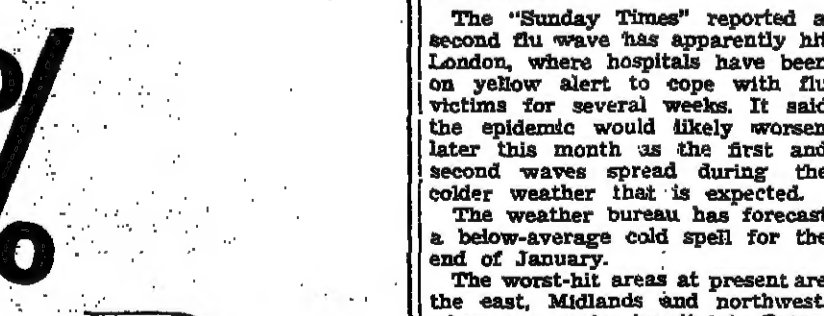
White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler dismissed the matter as a third-rate burglary attempt, and President Nixon branded the trial a "hoax," saying no one "presently involved in the Administration was involved."

At the height of the investigation the Federal Bureau of Investigation had 135 agents on the case. They conducted 1,500 interviews and followed 1,800 leads.

A major Government witness, Alfred Baldwin, a former FBI agent who served as a security guard for Mrs. John Mitchell, former Attorney General and Nixon campaign chief, said information from the wiretaps was sent to the Nixon re-election campaign.

## Soviet writer says Nazis and Zionists plotted Holocaust

NEW YORK (INA) — A novel, written by the Jewish Labour Committee here as more anti-Semitic anything written so far by the daily anti-Semitic Russian writer, the book is being serialized in the mass circulation Soviet literary magazine "Otkrytie." The Jewish Labour Committee has reported that the Russian-language magazine, which is available in the U.S., carried a 200-page abridgement of the novel "The Promised Land," by Yuri Lemkov, in its September and October editions. An introductory note by the magazine's editors said the novel was to be published by the Jewish Labour Committee.



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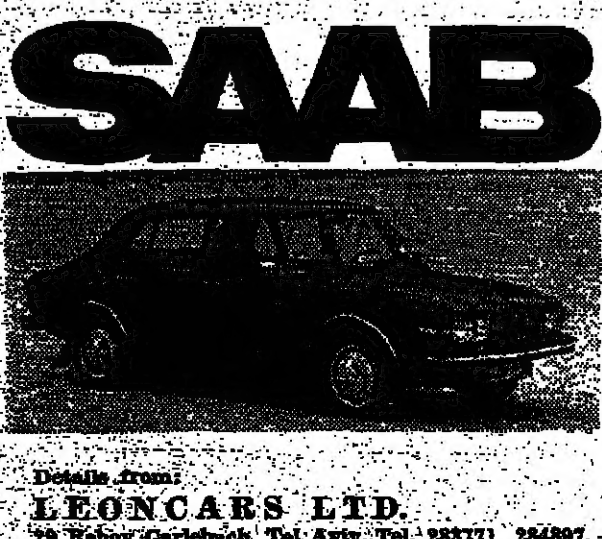
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## Love for single European currency Part may make franc and sterling extinct

**RICHARD C. LONGWORTH** (UPI). — The British pound, the French franc, and the German mark may one day be extinct. Their place may stand a single European currency — nameless as the dollar, but with the same value when it is paid back since both states use the same currency.

European industry can grow now, according to the experts, only with increased cross-frontier cooperation — especially since the summiting of the nine market countries in October endorsed the idea of a single currency.

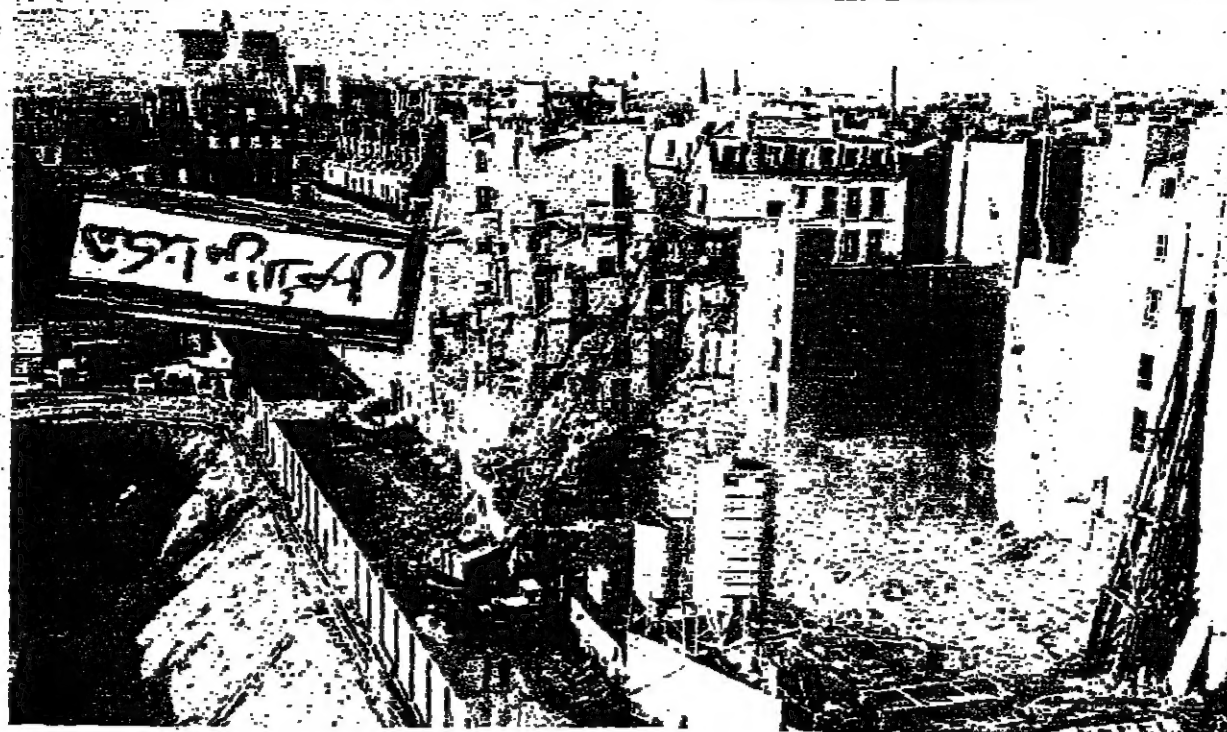
The plan holds obvious advantages for tourists trying to keep money straight.

More important, it is a key to Common Market's crucial next step — its transformation into a single economy.

The Common Market is not a union. Beyond that it is nine separate economies which cooperate as much as possible.

Market officials say it is necessary to build a unified European economy if the Common Market is to become an industrial power on the American scale.

Programs to achieve that include "economic and monetary union," the words of British economist I. Barrow this implies a common monetary policy, budgets and fiscal measures, monetary policy and



The end of an era. In a few days the stalls of the famous Paris central market, Les Halles, will be no more. (AFP-Israeli Sun)

## Growing market in Far East for Israel's diamonds

By J. VOET  
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

**DIAMOND** exports last year, as already reported, reached the stupendous figure of nearly \$386m., up no less than \$120m. or 45 per cent over the record figure of 1971.

From the detailed figures of quarterly exports during the last four years, it appears that this country has nearly doubled its exports of polished diamonds in the last two years. Each quarter of 1971 showed a significant increase over the comparable period of the previous year, and in 1972, this gratifying performance was repeated and even improved upon.

An analysis of the figures shows that all Israel's traditional markets have contributed to the strong upward trend. Direct sales to the U.S. and Canada increased 41 per cent; the so-called "transit countries" — Belgium, Holland and Switzerland — were up 34 per cent. The big three in Western Europe — West Germany, England and France — bought more than \$41m. worth of diamonds from Israel in 1972, 46 per cent more than in the previous year. The most spectacular improvement, however, was in our sales to the Far East — Malaysia, Hongkong and Japan. In 1972, three countries purchased Israel-pol-

ished diamonds to a total of nearly \$104m., an increase of 60 per cent over 1971.

The fastest growing market in the world for diamonds is Japan. In 1962, Israel exports to that country were \$1.5m. as against Belgium's \$2.7m. Six years later, this figure had increased to \$13m. — still less than Belgium's \$15m. — but last year our diamond exports to Japan reached \$52m. The annual growth rate of Israel's diamond exports to Japan in recent years has been about 50 per cent, outdoing that of Belgium, our chief competitor in that market.

### Price policy

There are several good reasons for Israel's excellent performance in the diamond sector last year. The world is buying more diamonds, despite recent higher prices. The considered price policy of the "Syndicate," the London-based De Beers central selling organization, is never to let prices drop in bad times, but to raise them when the going is good.

By stocking diamonds when the markets are able to purchase, the Syndicate was able during the 15-year period 1957-72, to double the price of the raw material of the diamond industry by successive price increases. Last year prices were increased in January by an

average of 5.4 per cent, and by another 6 per cent in September. These increases induced still bigger advances in the prices of polished gems, which had also to absorb higher wages.

In addition to this, Israel is selling more and more bigger stones, with their much higher average prices per carat. Although the quantities of rough stones imported, and polished stones exported, have risen, the value figures are even higher.

Israel has, astonishingly enough, been able to cope, as regards labour, with the spectacular development during the last two years. The trend away from the diamond industry which set in during the bad year of 1970 has been reversed, and automation is playing its part. A lot of new, expensive machinery is being installed or is on order. The diamond industry remains by far Israel's best per capita foreign currency earner.

Last year I wrote that although prospects were favourable, it was too much to expect another substantial advance in exports for 1972. This proved to be too pessimistic a view. The increase of 1972 exports over those of 1971 was even higher, both in absolute figures and in percentage, than in the preceding year. As the boom shows no signs of receding, there is every reason to believe that diamonds will continue to be Israel's industrial prodigy.

## TEL AVIV STOCKS

## Week begins firmly

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange again started the week in a firm mood. Share prices soared strongly and turnover was heavy at IL7.8m. (variables IL3.2m.).

Hassneh Insurance announced after the opening that the company had sold a plot of land in Montefiore Street in Tel Aviv. The net profit of the sales may amount to IL2m. In the opening Hassneh shares added 1/2 point to 256.

Heavily traded were the financial shares. L.D.B. continued to rise 3 1/2, up 1 1/2. Union Bank jumped 13 points to 374. Britannia added 3 1/2 points at 346 1/2, and Mizrahi closed at 221, plus 1 1/2. After some days of an unchanged price, Poalim resumed its increase to 379 1/2, (plus 5 1/2) and Bank Leumi surprised the bourse with a rise of 9 1/2 points to 384 1/2.

Real estate companies were very firm yesterday also. Africa soared from 237 on Thursday via 293 in the opening to 305 at the close of business. L.D.C. climbed 12 1/2 to 238 and Raaco Prof. 7 to 127.

It seems that the slump in the property and building industry is over and this sector has again turned prosperous.

Among the industrials only a few shares were impressive. Electric Wire increased 10 points to 206, Ata C. lost 2 points at 186 1/2 and Levin Epstein remained unchanged at 90.

Investment companies improved somewhat. Wolfson was the volume leader with 123,000 shares traded. The nominal value rose from 123 1/2 to 131. Clal Inv. lost 5 points to 268. Clal Ind. ended at 245, off 1 point. Discount Inv. rose to 313 and Bank Leumi Inv. an even 7 points to 300.

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Following the end of the meeting, Atiki said the seven countries have agreed to establish the company and will all contribute to its capital. The seven are members of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

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## E.E.C. chooses key men

**USSELS** (Reuters). — The new Executive Commission of the European Community has organized itself for the task of making European community a human well as an economic entity.

This was seen yesterday as one of the major results of the Commission's constitutive session on Saturday, which shared out areas of responsibility among its members.

The Commission is the E.C.'s supreme policy-setting and administrative body.

## BANK LEUMI TRUST FUND DIVIDENDS

The Bank Leumi trust funds Zai, Gavish and Pia have declared dividends of 10, 15 and 20 per cent respectively for the year ending December 31. Interim payments were made earlier: Zai and Gavish 5 per cent, and Pia 5 per cent.

The total sum to be paid out to holders of units of the three funds will amount to IL22m. The Pia Company, which manages the funds, is offering those receiving dividends from Gavish and Pia the possibility of acquiring units of the funds at a preferential price. The basic price will be published on January 31. There will not be a service charge; normally a 2 per cent service charge is added to the price of new units of the funds.

## KLM will slash fares on flights to North America

**AMSTERDAM** (AP). — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will drastically cut its fares on the North Atlantic routes starting April 1, if the governments concerned agree, the company announced here.

Since the airline companies which belong to IATA — the International Air Transport Association — failed to reach agreement on the fares for flights between Europe and North America, KLM had decided to make up a tariff package of its own, it said in a statement.

The most important feature of this package is the introduction of a new, extremely low fare for a return flight from Amsterdam to New York that will range from about \$185 to about \$285 — depending on the season for which the flight is booked. This means a cut of about \$41 from the lowest actual fare.

Only passengers who book their flight at least 90 days in advance will qualify for the new fare. They will have to pay 25 per cent of the price at once and settle the rest at least 30 days before departure.

**Mid-East war could curtail Kuwaiti oil**

**BEIRUT** (AP). — Kuwait's Parliament recommended yesterday that the flow of Kuwait oil to Western countries be stopped as soon as a new war breaks out in the Middle East.

The Middle East News Agency reported from Kuwait that the proposal was made by five members of the National Assembly, and the assembly agreed at a meeting to submit the proposal to the government.

The five members proposed that Kuwait oil "be used as a weapon in the expected battle with Israel, by freezing all relations with Western oil companies operating in Kuwait as soon as fighting begins," the agency said.

## Algeria gas deal with U.S.

By JOHN K. COOLEY  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

**ALGERIA** has made a major breakthrough in its quest for natural gas to west Europe since 1964.

New gas deals between the Algerian company, Sonatrach, and U.S. firms mean that the central United States, as well as Boston and other East Coast areas, will depend heavily on Algerian liquefied natural gas shipped in special tankers from the Mediterranean.

In western Europe, new deals

signed recently by Sonatrach will extend Algerian natural gas deliveries by 1977 to Belgium, West Germany, and France. Britain has been importing Algerian natural gas since 1964.

Sonatrach and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company of the U.S. signed a protocol on December 7, covering sale of 5.5 billion cubic metres of gas annually for 20 years beginning in 1979, the authoritative Beirut oil periodical, "Middle East Economic Survey," reported.

Previous Algerian U.S. gas deals have been mainly intended to supply the East Coast, notably through Detrigas Corporation of Boston.

Sonatrach's biggest accord, with El Paso Natural Gas Corporation for supply over 25 years and possibly beyond, is still awaiting final approval in Algiers and Washington.

## FRENCH WHEAT FOR EGYPT

**CAIRO** (Reuters). — Egypt has contracted to import 334,000 tons of wheat worth \$37m. from France, "Al-Ahram" reported here yesterday.

The first consignment of 100,000 tons will be delivered in the next two months, and the remainder before the end of the year, the paper said.

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## The cost of shadow boxing

IT is not clear what purpose was served when the Minister of Transport chose to wait until serious damage had been caused by the dockers' so-called "sanctions," and the citrus picking had to be stopped before asking the Government to intervene in an attempt to get the port workers back on the job. Nor can an outsider understand why the Histadrut's Secretary-General could not have given attention to this smouldering conflict before going to a trade union meeting abroad. Or even why the strike of the hospital personnel had to cut down work at Government hospitals before the labour terms recommended by the Padah Committee long ago, and hailed by the Minister of Health as a great achievement, were actually adopted. The sense of frustration generated by the current wave of labour conflict is the result not so much of the loss and inconvenience caused, as of the feeling that this show of force — and the nuisance involved — could have been avoided, and that the public is paying the cost of shadow boxing; in the long run we pay the money and have the work lost as well.

The blame cannot nearly be placed on the workers, who have learnt by experience that in order to get their demands they must go through the motions of a strike or of what has come to be known euphemistically as "sanctions" — a partial stoppage of some sort — whether or not their demands are reasonable.

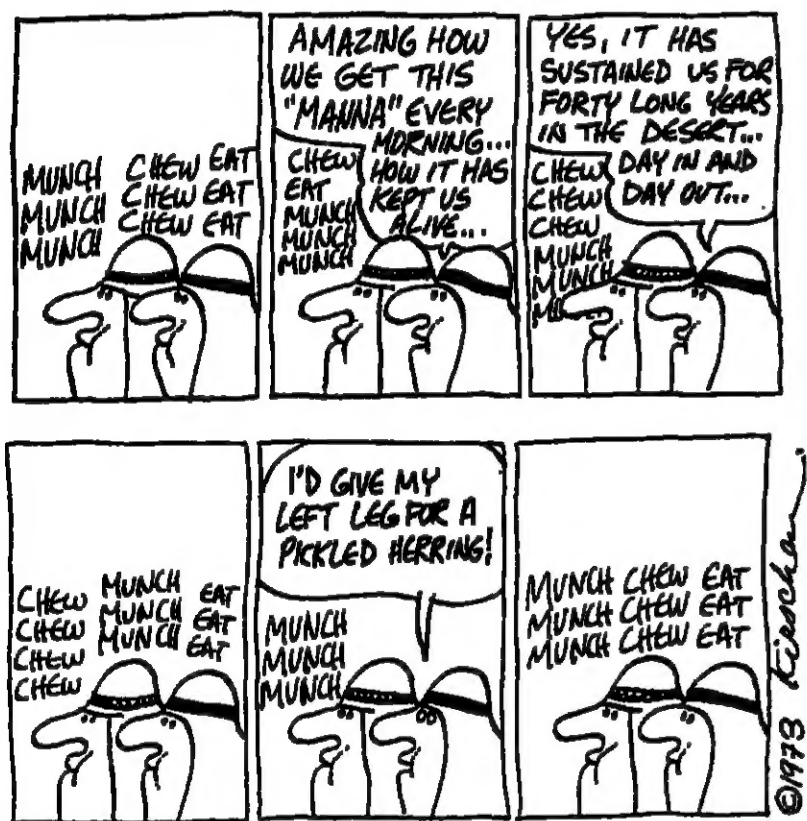
Official trade union philosophy considers the damage and demoralization involved legitimate even in public services — including schools and hospitals and water supply — and the law seeking to limit strikes in public services has been so carefully worded and so poorly

supported by both the public and the administration, that it has remained largely a dead letter. Even wildcat strikes are opposed by the Histadrut mainly because they reduce the organization's power and prestige. It has become an almost irresistible temptation for the labour councils of sensitive work places — such as the ports — to ask for more. The situation is complicated by the new practice of not asking simply for more money but for some form of extra benefit already enjoyed by another group of employees, and therefore payable despite a nominally accepted wage-scale. The Hebrew University teaching staff has begun "sanctions" in pursuit of a 25 per cent research bonus paid to Technion employees and there is no reason to suppose that the ball will stop rolling there.

It is questionable whether the progress of inflation can be checked anywhere today, least of all perhaps in a country engaged in a heavy defence effort combined with large-scale development and immigration as an Israel. The Government is evidently reconciled to further substantial price and wage rises. The choice seems to be between yielding to demands quickly, and trying to gain time and to blunt extreme wage hikes, but by a process involving serious interruptions of normal work and a great deal of ill feeling that is not easily dispelled after the strike is over. The facade of collective bargaining is still being maintained, but enemy victory gained by the strikers undermines the system and causes other groups to follow suit.

The public would hardly be happy to see the Government openly giving green light to inflation, but we may be paying too high a price for the pretence of combating it.

## Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

## Premier's visit to U.S.

Against the background of President Shazar's meeting with President Nixon, and Prime Minister Golda Meir's forthcoming visit to Washington, "Davar" and "Ha'aretz" devote their editorials to relations between Israel and the U.S.

Davar (Histadrut) writes: "Although the Shazar-Nixon meeting was not an official occasion, President Nixon's statements were in the nature of an important political act in principle, having been made on the eve of his inauguration." The promise he made, and the fact that he spoke of the issue of peace in general terms, were further confirmation of America's continued policy of friendship in seeking to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Ha'aretz (non-party) refers to the report of Mrs. Meir's impending visit to Washington, and says: "There were those who voiced reservations about such a visit, fearing that it would invite pressure on Israel to tone down her conditions for a partial settlement. It is not unreasonable to expect the Prime Minister to be able to resist such pressure, as well as to succeed in fulfilment of Israel's requirements in the sphere of security purchases."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), com-

menting on Israel's position in Africa, says: "There is no cause for optimism, and it is to be feared that the disruption of relations with Meir does not spell the end of the matter. One thing Israel should do is to present her aspirations for peace in a stronger and more convincing light since this is the issue on which the Arab states are attempting to undermine Israel's relations with Africa."

Ha'aretz (National Religious Party) writes: "The student disturbances in Egypt, Gaddafi's pressure on Sadat, and the lack of Soviet response to Sadat's demands — all this might conceivably push Sadat to seek some sort of outlet, even if it endangers his position."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael) fears that the Government has no effective way of ending the wave of strikes as the workers believe that unpopular steps will not be taken in an election year.

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) advises the acceptance of the Labour Minister's proposal that a supreme authority should be set up to deal urgently with grave labour disputes. The Premier, other Cabinet Ministers and the leaders of the Histadrut would be members of the authority.

FOREIGN PRESS

## 'Terrifying Vietnam precedent'

The New York Times said yesterday that the relief that millions in the U.S. and other nations felt over President Nixon's decision to halt, or rather to suspend, the terror raids against Hanoi and Haiphong had an ironic overtone. "Its implication is that the more indiscriminate the weapons the greater will be the appreciation when they are stilled."

"It is a policy of so escalating the pain that any let-up gives the appearance of moderation and mercy. The truth beyond the illusion is different. When the President dis-

patched the B-52s against Hanoi he changed more than the tactics in an undeclared war. He established a terrifying precedent.

"Mr. Nixon has used the instruments of terror not to defend the U.S. or its troops against attack, but to force an opponent to accept his terms at the negotiating table. The President took this step without seeking authority from Congress or the American people. He ignored the fact that the majority that re-elected him did so with the clear expectation that a negotiated peace was at hand..."

# MEIR VISIT WORRYING NERVOUS GAULLISTS

By BORIS KIDEL

PARIS (Oha).—FRANCE'S Gaullist leaders are seething with indignation about Mrs. Golda Meir's decision to visit Paris this weekend.

The presence of the Israeli Premier at a meeting of the Socialist International here, less than two months before the general elections, is regarded as blatant interference in France's domestic affairs. A senior Government official commented: "It is highly improper for a foreign Head of Government to visit another country at the invitation of an opposition party so close to the elections."

The Paris meeting of the Socialist International was arranged in fact before the date of the French election was known. But the Foreign Ministry has let it be known that Mrs. Meir will be boycotted by French officials during her stay. She cannot expect any kind of official welcome, it was said.

This brutal reaction is indicative of the neurotic anxiety plaguing Gaullists about the outcome of the elections in March. They fear that, by appearing at a conference organized by the French Socialist Party, Mrs. Meir will help to deliver the Jewish vote to the Socialist-Communist opposition. The Jewish community of about 500,000 wields limited political influence, but in a few marginal constituencies its vote could turn out to be decisive.

What the Gaullists particularly hate is the fact that Mrs. Meir is coming to Paris in defiance of clearly expressed

French Government wishes. The Israeli Ambassador here was told that her visit would be judged inappropriate and would only harm prospects for a possible improvement in Franco-Israeli relations.

Basically, French policy has remained unchanged since General de Gaulle switched to a pro-Arab course in the hope of building up French prestige in the Mediterranean.

The embargo on arms exports to Israel remains strictly enforced and France continues to vote with the Arab countries at the United Nations. From time to time rumours are heard here that the President would welcome improved relations with Israel. Indeed, he has indicated that he would be sympathetic to Israel's association with the Common Market. But so far nothing tangible has happened to confirm a real change in French policy.

It is not only Mrs. Meir but the entire idea of an international Socialist conference which angers the Gaullists. They are convinced that the Socialists will deliver the Jewish vote to the Socialist-Communist opposition. The month's conference, which will bring five Heads of Government and other prominent Socialist Democratic leaders to Paris.

Apart from Mrs. Meir, others expected include Premier Olof Palme of Sweden, Premier Anker Joergensen of Denmark, Premier Ralfi Barak of Israel, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria, the British Labour Party's Shadow Foreign Secretary, James Callaghan, and Italy's ex-President, Giuseppe

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Saragat. Their attendance not only bolsters the prestige of the French Socialist Party but above all it enhances its respectability among voters suspicious of its alliance with the Communists.

Originally, leaders of most other European Social Democratic parties viewed this alliance with misgiving. However, by coming to Paris at the invitation of the French Socialists they will tend to reassure voters about the implications of the joint election programme with the Communists.

It is precisely this aspect of the Socialist International conference which worries the Gaullists. In a remarkable outburst of bad temper, the Gaullist daily

"La Nation" predicted a deterioration of relations with countries whose Premiers attended the conference.

The Socialist Party, the paper said, needed the endorsement of "authentic Social Democrats" to reassure voters critical of its tie-up with the Communists. "A crook who has become mixed up with gangsters likes to make a show of his respectable contacts to reassure his gullible victims," the newspaper said. "These are the tactics pursued by Mr. Mitterrand (the Socialist Party leader). If his contacts except this kind of role they are being duped or they are accomplices. The only solution for them is to cancel their visit."

The most notable absentee at the conference will be Chancellor Willy Brandt. On the eve of the celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the Franco-German friendship treaty he is anxious to avoid complications with President Pompidou. Mr. Brandt is due to visit Paris later in January. To safeguard French susceptibilities he is sending a non-governmental representative, Mrs. Anna-Marie Bauger, the newly-elected President of the Federal Assembly, to the Socialist conference.

Although Mrs. Meir will be officially ignored, intense security precautions are expected during her stay. A few Gaullist politicians with pro-Israel sympathies were pressing the Government at the weekend to reconsider its attitude towards the Israeli leader. But President Pompidou is unlikely to let himself be persuaded to adopt a more conciliatory attitude.



## Making the penalty fit the crime

NEW YORK (AP). — Richard Jacques was duck hunting recently when he shot a rare Polish mute swan. The 17-year-old boy said he mistook the swan — one of only 50 such birds in Michigan — for a goose.

Found guilty, Jacques could have been sentenced to six months jail and fined \$500.

Instead he was ordered to spend two weeks working at the State's Harsens Island Game Reserve and to read the book "Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America" and write a report on it. He also was directed to pay a \$100 fine, \$75 in court costs and \$10 to the Department of Natural Resources.

Jacques' sentence was handed down by Judge John C. Roskopp of the Mount Clemens, Michigan, District Court. Roskopp is one of a small, but growing number of judges throughout the U.S. who are seeking alternatives to jail sentences for defendants convicted of a variety of crimes.

### Not a criminal

Discussing the sentence he imposed on Jacques, Roskopp said: "The boy is not a criminal... but the trouble is too many young people today take hunting without ever being taught to hunt."

Several judges have sentenced people convicted of minor crimes to perform some kind of community service. Commissioner Marrie Matichuk of Citrus Municipal Court in West Covina, California, said he and Judge Sam Chianetti order about 10 to 15 per cent of defendants found guilty to work in schools, hospitals or charity programmes rather than sending them to jail or taking them.

Matichuk said the alternative frequently is used when the defendant is too poor to pay a fine and is designed to show "the individual that there's not cash register justice."

Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith of Seattle, Washington, tries to make the punishment fit the crime.

When James M. Tidymen, 32, was found guilty of exhibiting obscene movies, Smith sentenced him to two years in jail, but suspended the sentence on the condition that the defendant contribute 100 hours of service to a charity of his choice and establish a \$2,000 trust fund to be used to purchase educational films for schools.

### Cleaned the streets

Similar crime-related sentences have been handed down in New York's Bronx Criminal Court by Judge Louis A. Cioffi. Two men who turned over a trash can and spread the contents over the street were directed by Cioffi to clean littered streets around the criminal court building. They could have been fined and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

Cioffi also orders graffiti scrawlers to perform various clean-up chores. "If that they learn lessons after a while," he said.

A Miami woman found guilty of abandoning a refrigerator in which a 3-year-old boy subsequently suffocated, was sentenced to two years probation with the proviso that her criminal record would be cleared if she found and reported at least 10 illegally abandoned iceboxes. Within a month, Elaine Clark, a divorcee with two sons, had more than fulfilled the judge's order. "She has not only found and reported 10, she's found about 15 and she's still looking," the judge reported.

## Readers' letters

## THE OPERA: PRAISE AND BRICKBATS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The time has come, I feel, that a letter be written which, once and for all, exposes the cruel circumstances prevailing in this country among singers. This letter is on behalf of many struggling souls, the singers of Israel, who are suffering because of one institution, the Israel National Opera. Many singers starting out here at the beginning of Mrs. de Philippe's reign have been robbed of their natural heritage, of their careers, of all opportunity to perform on Israel's only operatic stage, not because of any artistic criteria, but because of failure to get along with Mrs. de Philippe — an incidentally impossible task. Everybody is against Mrs. de Philippe and the Opera because they have robbed us of the chance to hear good, satisfying opera, have alienated the younger generation and have done more to ruin music and musical theatre in this country than anybody else. The huge subsidy given to them by the State is used to glorify themselves. I demand that a complete accounting be given of the funds given to them. Why have so many singers and musicians gone unpaid for many months?

Everybody who has suffered at the Opera knows the humiliation, the lack of artistic integrity and cheap level of everyday relations that prevail at that institution. Contrary to what was written by Mr. Even-Zohar in his letter to The Post (December 6), the people on the radio panel were much more objective than the Opera, and the public should know how many devastating letters the Opera has written, insulting Israelis and other musical organizations (e.g. Opera News of July 1971, where the Is-

rael Chamber Ensemble and the critic, Mr. Frankenstein, were humiliated for supporting the Opera's presentation as indicating perhaps the future road of opera in Israel).

LEAH KATZ  
Tel Aviv, December 6.

The Israel National Opera replies: Let us remember that, for the past 25 years, the Opera was the only place a potential Israeli singer could learn his profession and also gain practical experience. This season, we are presenting no fewer than 40 Israeli singers, including new immigrants.

About seven years ago, the Israel Chamber Ensemble was set up for the explicit purpose of providing a stage for Israeli singers who were not appearing at the Opera. The Chamber Ensemble has now dismissed all the Israeli singers it employed for a few seasons, some of whom are now appearing at the Opera. Today, the Chamber Ensemble constantly invites singers from abroad. When I presented Mozart's "Figaro," it invited no fewer than five foreign singers, ignoring available Israeli singers, much to everybody's surprise.

The Opera employs artists on a yearly contract, as is customary in all opera houses. This is done for many reasons, but mainly to be able to add new works to the repertoire.

The subsidy the Opera gets is small in comparison with what other institutions get here. In comparison with what opera houses get abroad, our subsidy is trifling and amounts the experts. This is one of the reasons for the difficulties of the Opera, which is the theatre with the most employees in the country. This occasionally causes de-

lays in the payment of salaries. Our singers, dancers and workers deserve all our admiration for working under pioneer conditions.

The fact that we have employed 300 artists over 25 years is no small achievement. Obviously Mrs. de Philippe has her detractors just as she has her admirers. From the rumours we hear about relations in other cultural institutions in the country, accusations are not always true and we should always stick to facts.

S. EVEN-ZOHAR  
Tel Aviv, December 24.

A few days earlier, Mr. Even-Zohar had written as follows:

I wish to refer to Mendel Kohnansky's article, "A night at the opera" (December 15). As Mr. Kohnansky admits himself, he does not usually go to the opera and it should be remembered that an opera critic bases his opinions on musical and general considerations, not like a theatre critic, which is Mr. Kohnansky's profession. Moreover, the opera "Cioffi" received excellent reviews from usually difficult critics, and as far as execution and acting are concerned too.

The opera performances in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and elsewhere enjoy large audiences — relatively speaking larger than could be expected, even in world centres. That these are popular audiences, in the best sense of the word, is all to the L.N.O.'s credit.

We agree that the present building, with its poor technical amenities, is unsuitable, but we are proud that we started cultural activities even in such unseemly surroundings.

More than 225,000 opera fans attend the 280 performances we put on each year all over Israel. Most of them consider the L.N.O. not only satisfactory, but even outstanding, especially in view of the conditions under which it operates.

Sir, — In his recent article on the opera (December 15), Mr. Mendel Kohnansky levels unjustified criticism where it is not deserved. He is attempting to compare our local opera to those abroad. Institutions with far greater budgets and attendance. Here in Tel Aviv, we have only a small group of dedicated and talented artists working under the supervision of a most unusual and gifted woman. I sincerely hope that some day, our opera company will have a setting worthy of its merits. Meanwhile, I recommend to those of good taste to visit our opera.

YEHUDIT BESEN  
Tel Aviv, December 17.

Sir, — Mr. Kohnansky is evidently a dramatic critic and as such, I cannot judge him. As for opera singing and music in general, he does not know his brass from his oboe.

JOE FOX  
Ramat Gan, December 18.

## Appeal for entertainers

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — The Mosadon Haoleh Haifa — J.K. Goldbloom Centre was established some years ago through the generosity of British Jewry in conjunction with the Jewish Agency and the Municipality of Haifa, in order to provide for the social and cultural needs of immigrants.

We have been able to provide successful programmes of all types, but, through shortage of funds, we have had to rely on the voluntary efforts of top-class amateurs and in some cases professionals, who were prepared to perform at either a nominal fee or no fee at all.

We are now finding it almost impossible to secure the services of such people in sufficient numbers to provide a continuous series of programmes, and we would be grateful if, through your columns, we could appeal to any professional entertainers (singer, comedian — in any Hebrew — classical or other pianist, trios or quartets or quintets, etc.) who are willing to give their services, to contact me at the Mosadon Haoleh, Haifa — J.K. Goldbloom Centre, 124 Sderot Haanad, Haifa.

M. RADBERG,  
Director, Mosadon Haoleh Haifa  
Haifa, December 25.

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